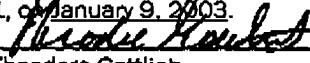


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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

SERIAL NO.	09/454,740
APPLICANT	Timo HILLEBRAND et al.,
FILED	December 6, 1999
EXAMINER	A. Chakrabarti
ART UNIT	1655
FOR	FORMULATIONS AND METHOD FOR ISOLATING NUCLEIC ACIDS FROM OPTIONAL COMPLEX STARTING MATERIALS AND SUBSEQUENT COMPLEX GENE ANALYSIS

Hon. Assistant Commissioner of Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

January 3, 2003

PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME (37 CFR1.136(a))

Sir:

1. This is a petition to extend the period of time one (1) month for filing a response to the Office Action dated April July 1, 2002.

2. Applicant is: Small Entity Large Entity

<u>EXTENSION (MONTHS)</u>		<u>FEES FOR LARGE ENTITY</u>	<u>FEES FOR SMALL ENTITY</u>
One month	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$110	\$55
Two months	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$400	\$200
Three months	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	\$920	\$460
Four months	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,440	\$720
Five months	<input type="checkbox"/>	\$1,960	\$980
TOTAL FEE	\$460		

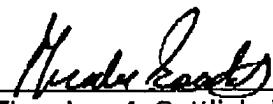
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4. A Response and Amendment is filed herewith.

5. Charge the petition fee to Deposit Account No. 14-1263 and for any additional fee required or credit for any excess fee paid. A duplicate of this petition is attached.

Respectfully Submitted,

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